

Since 1996, consolidation in radio has given us an unprecedented mind-numbing blanket of sameness in broadcast popular music. It has also reduced the capacity of thousands of radio stations to serve their specific communities. The new rules, besides allowing the disgraceful numbers of stations held by the anti-democracy Clear Channel, would allow one corporation to own several of any type of media outlet in the same market. We cannot tolerate newspapers that are not independent of their TV stations, or radio that omits the same points of view as TV. Independent newspapers are the only check right now on the power of television to determine what the public should know, which is why the corporate owners of television are so excited about these rule changes.